



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Katsuhiko TACHIBANA, et al.

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Request for Reconsideration is in response to the Office Action dated October 11, 2002, in which the Examiner set forth a three-month period for response, making a response timely if filed on or before January 13, 2003 (January 11, 2003 being a Saturday).

## REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are all the claims pending in the application.

## I. The Rejection Based on Nitto Denko Corporation in view of Johnson et al Ehrenberg

Claims 1, 4-6 and 10-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Nitto Denko Corporation (EP 0816462) in view of Johnson